

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 18th, 2017

The Hon. Scott Pruitt
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

We request your approval and publication without redactions or substantive revisions of the United States Global Change Research Program Climate Science Special Report. This report was cleared by the National Academy of Sciences, and awaits approval from your agency and the Trump administration. We urge you to approve this report before the deadline of August 18th, 2017.

The Climate Science Special Report provides “(1) an analysis of the research behind how climate change affects climate and weather across the United States; (2) an executive summary that is used for the basis of the Fourth National Climate Assessment; and (3) basic information for climate change, specifically the correlation to extreme weather and to improve consistency in analysis.” This report is crucial to the development of the Fourth National Climate Assessment, and its focus on the environmental, health and economic elements of climate change. This document is for the sole purpose of the assessment of the science and factual evidence behind climate change, and does not provide policy recommendations on climate change mitigation.

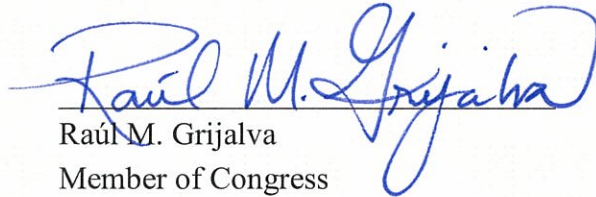
In order for Congress to make policy recommendations aimed at preventing and combating climate change, these assessments must be publicized in order to understand the risks of a changing climate. Since the release of the Third National Climate Assessment, there is stronger evidence that humans are contributing to the threat of climate change. This report concludes that “it is extremely likely that human influence has been the dominant cause of the observed warming since the mid-20th century. For the warming over the last century, there is no convincing alternative explanation supported by the extent of the observational evidence.” We must take swift action to address the changing climate, not only for the health and safety of our communities, but to address the threat of national security if climate change is not mitigated.

We respectfully request that you approve the United States Global Climate Change Research Program Climate Science Special Report by the deadline of August 18th, 2017. Thank you for the consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



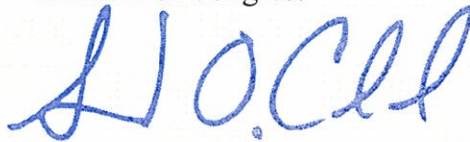
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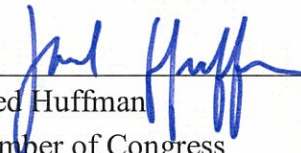
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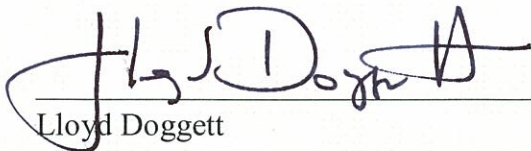
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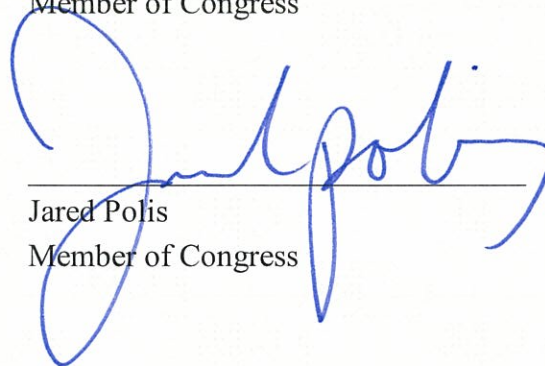
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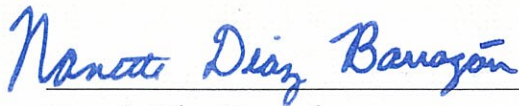
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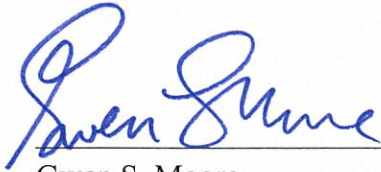
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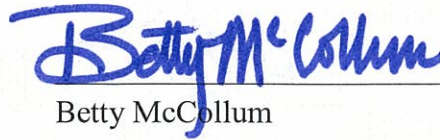
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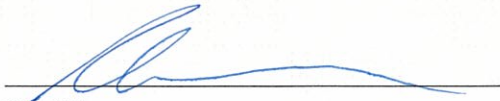
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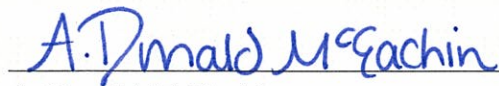
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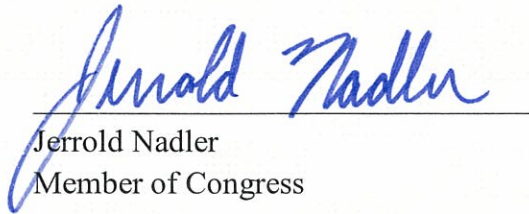
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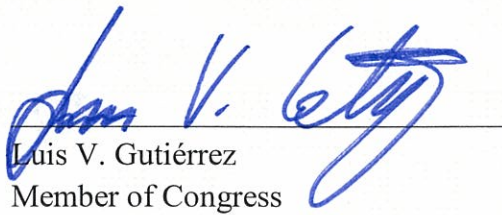
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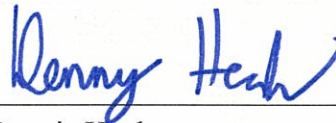
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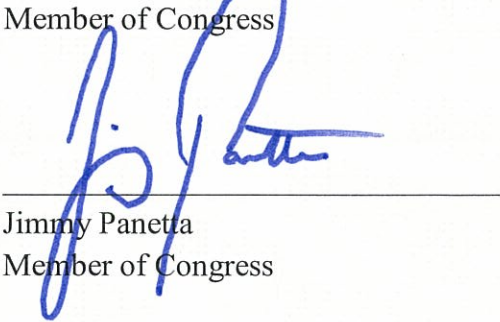
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